

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Background of the Invention.

Page 2, between lines 15 and 16, insert:

Summary of the Invention.

Page 8, delete lines 1-10, and replace with the following:

Brief Description of the Drawing

The single figure depicts in a purely schematic way the process of the invention for producing a composite ceramic body especially designed for a tribological component.

Description of the Preferred Embodiments

As described in the drawing figure, one or several preforms 10 directly, or raw materials 12 such as carbon fibers with a carbon-containing filler or binding agent and, for example, ethanol can be introduced into a mold such as an RTM die following mixing 14 (step 16). The preform or preforms, which also include fabric layers, can be impregnated with a binding agent before or after they are introduced into the mold. It is also possible to add further additives. Furthermore, the raw materials are arranged or mixed with additives so that an almost flowing, multistage change of the SiC content results in the ceramic body to be produced in such a way that the outer area has the properties of a monolithic or an approximately monolithic SiC layer, but the core has a CFC-dominated CMC structure.